

15 November 2020 - LDR Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Andy Crawford (minutes), Angie Longworth, Tom Bernhard, Don Porteous, Nakia Baird, Jean Pommier, Mark Winitz, Irene Herman, Frank Ruona

Call to order at 11:05am

Minutes:

XC: Nothing to discuss. 2021 should be a normal season, but it's too early to know.

MUT: (See Appendix A)

- A lot is still TBD
- Some trail is happening currently. Public spaces are limited to ~100 people. Team competition could be limited in 2021, especially early 2021.
- Some county governments are not entertaining any permits at all.
- Also, some locations are still recovering from fire effects, and that needs to be considered as well.
- MUT sub-committee will consider maybe Individual only in the beginning of 2021, and have a strategy for bringing in Team competition later in the year.
- We will know a lot more in the next few months.

Road: (See Appendix B)

- Discussion about allowing chip time vs gun time for 2021 in order to enable races to be on the RGP following local ordinance guidelines (wave starts, etc.) and/or USATF sanction guidelines for COVID-19 protocol
 - Possibility to have an event on the RGP that is not a Championship designated event, and then they do not need to be scored by gun time.
 - Events can get insurance from USATF without being sanctioned, so also could forgo the stringent sanction guidelines for COVID-19.
 - Accreditation is important to consider as well, however.
- Discussion about allowing events to provide half of the normal prize purse (\$1500 instead of \$3000) to enable them to be on the RGP.
 - If we do this, we could make \$1500 the 1x points standard, and then \$3000 could be 2x.
 - We need to make it clear that this is for 2021 ONLY. In 2022 it will go back up to \$3000 for 1x points.
 - Everyone agreed to this; RGP coordinator (Andy) will communicate with the RDs

Overall we just need to keep an eye on the situation with COVID-19, and how that will impact early 2021.

Prior to the meeting there was about 1 week of email discussion about Virtual events, and the LDR Committee voted 5-5 on allowing Virtual events on the RGP for 2021; therefore, Virtual events will not be allowed on the RGP.

Appendix A:

Provided by Jean Pommier prior to meeting

First priority for this winter: hunker down...!

- At least in California (2 MUT National Championships occurred in the past 4 weeks, in CO and WI)

- Not expecting any good fit race through the winter, we'll be lucky if we get races going again by April or May
- Our typical season was made of a build up toward the summer 100-milers, from February onwards. This will change the dynamic. Likely less events overall.
- Biggest concern is field size, large enough to make team competition meaningful
- Club-sponsored races quite bullish as a matter of fact
 - Quicksilver still on for May
 - Quad Dipsea willing to get back on schedule (we had dropped it because it was so late in the season and travel weekend, Thanksgiving)
 - Ruth Anderson (October)
 - TRT 100-mile has announced it's lottery deadline (December 6)
 - Star City half (August): if San Mateo County accepts
- Organizations:
 - Scena positive on Skyline 50K (August) and Dick Collins Firetrails (October); Napa would be a maybe (April)
 - Brazen: Diablo 50K questionable
 - Big Blue Adventure: several potential races in North Tahoe/Reno area, from July onwards
 - PCTR: in touch with Parks management but no word of permitting at this point at State and County levels (GGNRA ok); all virtual in the meantime (including Open Course concept) but aiming at non virtual as soon as possible
 - NorCal Ultras: Julie Fingar Re WTC and AR50; just organized a series of short distance this weekend (on private property); permits limiting field size significantly (e.g. includes volunteers & staff)
- No news yet:
 - Paulo Medina
 - Buffalo Chips Re Jed Smith 50K (usually February)
 - Ethan Veneklasen Re Broken Arrow

Quarry to RDs:

Forms response chart. Question title: 1.a. Have you already planned non virtual races for 2021?. Number of responses: 11 responses. YES! (8 responses); No, not planning any for now (2 responses); No, but hoping to do so for the second half (1 response).

Appendix B:

Provided by Andy Crawford prior to meeting

Current state of 2021 bids:

Bids received from 7 races

March 6: NorCal 10 mi

April 11: SacTown 10 mi

April 25: The Great Race 4 mi

July 4: Morgan Hill Freedom Run 5k

July 18: Across the Bay 12k

Dec 5: CIM (*new CIM RD is the same person who is RD for SacTown 10)

Dec 19: Christmas Relays

No bid from 2 races

-Oakland Marathon Relay: 2021 will be virtual, also plan to move event to July/Aug timing for 2022. This event is probably done from our RGP.

-Hit the Road Jack 10k: Will move to Autumn timing to align with their town's autumn festival. Probably done from our RGP due to calendar Guidelines.

Other:

- Stow Lake 5k, Mile of Truth, and Memorial Day/Reach for a Star 5k: In talks with the RDs. Concern about losing money, getting permits, etc. If the event happens, they would like to be on the RGP.

Discussion point: Maybe we allow less prize money (\$1500) to keep them on the RGP and enable their events? Adjust points accordingly?

- Nothing from Urban Cow Half nor Clarksburg Half

Looking at 5 Short Series and 6 Long Series and 1 Relay.

Discussion Point: Allow Chip time instead of Gun time for GP scoring. If allowed, the event will not be considered an Association Championship to keep in compliance with USATF rules. It can be expected that some races can only get permits if they follow protocol that might include wave starts with smaller wave sizes.